Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In all of America's wars, our prisoners of war have given of themselves a special sacrifice. Upon the altar of America's freedom, they have sacrificed their personal freedom. On them have fallen the burdens of loneliness, trauma, and torture. They have at times endured inhumane treatment by the enemy in violation of common human compassion, ethical standards, and international obligations. As we now enjoy the blessings of peace, it is fitting that all South Dakotans recognize the special debt we owe to those Americans held prisoner during wartime. In kind, it is appropriate that we pause to remember those unresolved casualties of war, our soldiers who are yet missing. For the families and friends of those whose fate remains unknown, the pain and bitterness of war continue through daily doubt and uncertainty. Our nation at peace must continue to seek answers to the fate of those whose families and friends can know no peace.

Friday, July 9, 1982, shall be a day of dedication in our state to all former American prisoners of war and a day of remembrance for those who are still missing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 9, 1982, as

P.O.W.-M.I.A. RECOGNITION DAY

in South Dakota, and I call upon state and local officials and private organizations to observe this day with meaningful ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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